

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 30-58 are pending in the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner has rejected claims 30-58 for obviousness-type double-patenting over claims 1-29 of U.S. Patent 6,724,328, issued on parent Application No. 10/454,626, filed June 3, 2003.

Applicants' Reply

Claims 30-58 have been rejected for obviousness-type double-patenting over claims 1-29 of U.S. Patent 6,724,328, issued on the parent application. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.321(b,c), disclaiming the terminal portion of the term of any patent to be issued on the present application, Application No. 10/789,406, which would extend beyond the expiration date (currently June 3, 2023*), of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent 6,724,328. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that the double-patenting rejection should be withdrawn.


A check in the amount of \$130.00, in payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), is enclosed herewith. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, in connection with the Terminal Disclaimer, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Reply is enclosed herewith for that purpose.

* It is applicants' and assignee's intention that if parent Patent 6,724,328 is hereafter awarded patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b), or if any change in the patent statutes extends the term of parent Patent 6,724,328, then the date beyond which the term of any patent to issue on this application is disclaimed shall change along with the expiration date of the parent patent.

Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

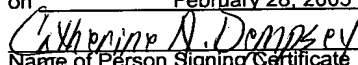
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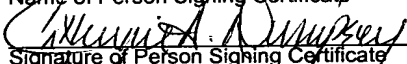


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